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AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To express the Sense of the Senate on providing adequate foreign affairs funding.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES — 106TH CONG., 2ND SESS.

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. Smith of Oregon and Mr.

Sarbanes of Maryland.

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new
2 section and number it accordingly:

3 **SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE ON PROVIDING ADEQUATE**
4 **FUNDING FOR U.S. INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.--The Senate finds that--

6 (1) U.S. international leadership is essential to maintaining security
7 and peace for all Americans;

8 (2) such leadership depends on effective diplomacy as well as a
9 strong military;

10 (3) effective diplomacy requires adequate resources both for
11 operations and security of U.S. embassies and for international programs;

12 (4) in addition to building peace, prosperity and democracy around
13 the world, programs in the International Affairs (150) budget serve U.S.
14 interests by ensuring better jobs and a higher standard of living, promoting
15 the health of our citizens and preserving our natural environment, and
16 protecting the rights and safety of those who travel or do business

1 overseas;

2 (5) real spending for International Affairs has declined more than
3 40 percent since the mid-1980s, at the same time that major new
4 challenges and opportunities have arisen from the disintegration of the
5 Soviet Union and the worldwide trends toward democracy and free
6 markets;

7 (6) current ceilings on discretionary spending will impose severe
8 additional cuts in funding for International Affairs;

9 (7) improved security for U.S. diplomatic missions and personnel
10 will place further strain on the International Affairs budget absent
11 significant additional resources;

12 (8) the United States cannot reduce efforts to safeguard nuclear
13 materials in the former Soviet States or shortchange initiatives aimed at
14 maintaining stability on the Korean peninsula, where 37,000 U.S. forces
15 are deployed. We cannot reduce support for peace in the Middle East or
16 in Northern Ireland or in the Balkans. We cannot stop fighting terror or
17 simply surrender to the spread of HIV/AIDS. We must continue to
18 support all of these things, which are difficult to achieve without adequate
19 and realistic funding levels.

20 (9) the President's request for funds for FY 2001 would adequately
21 finance our International Affairs programs without detracting from our
22 defense and domestic needs. It would help keep America prosperous and
23 secure. It would enable us to leverage the contributions of allies and

1 friends on behalf of democracy and peace. It would allow us to protect the
2 interests of Americans who travel, study or do business overseas. It would
3 do all these things and more for about one penny of every dollar the
4 Federal government spends.

5 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.-- It is the sense of the Senate that the
6 levels in this resolution assume that additional budgetary resources should
7 be identified for function 150 to enable successful U.S. international
8 leadership.

VOTE ON: _____

DATE: _____

YEA

by voice vote

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